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SUBJ: THREATENED EXPULSION OF LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER

JACQUES LESLIE

REF: SAIGON 11656

1. EMB WAS INFORMED BY MR KY ( FOREIGN MINISTRY) LATE TODAY ( JUNE 28) THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD PHONED INFORMATION COMMISSIONER HOANG DUC NHA ABOUT THREATENED EXPULSION OF LOS ANGELES TIMES CORRESPONDENT JACQUES LESLIE . MR NHA TOLD HIM THAT THE GVN WAS ANGRY AT MR LESLIE FOR HIS RECENT ARTICLE ABOUT THE ILLEGAL SALE OF SCRAP BRASS BY A SO- CALLED SYNDICATE INVOLVING RANKING ARVN GENERALS. HE SAID LESLIE' S ARTICLE DEFAMED SOUTH VIETNAMESE GENERALS AND, BY IMPLICATION, THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF WHO WAS MENTIONED IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES STORY.

2. MR NHA ADVISED THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT ONLY MR LESLIE' S PRESS ACCREDITATION CARD WOULD NOT BE RENEWED AND THAT MR LESLIE WOULD BE WELCOME TO STAY IN COUNTRY AS LONG AS HE WISHED.

3. THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT MAY BE A FACE- SAVING ACT ON THE PART OF MR NHA. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MR LESLIE MIGHT BE PERMITTED TO RENEW HIS ACCREDITATION CARD LATER AFTER DOING A FEW DAYS OF SYMBOLIC PENANCE.

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